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Date: 30 October 2012

Dear Simon

Application for permission to accept an outside appointment following retirement or resignation from the Crown Service

Thank you for submitting your Business Application form in respect of your proposed new appointment as Communications Manager for Battersea Power Station Development Company Ltd.

We have considered your application for approval to undertake the above appointment in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACOPA). I confirm that we are content to approve your application subject to the following conditions:

That, for two years following your last day of service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of Battersea Power Station Development Company Ltd. The Business Appointment rules define lobbying in the following way: "Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with the Government – including Ministers, special advisers and officials – with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted.

As with all Special Advisers, I would be grateful if you would confirm in writing to me that you recognise that you will continue to be bound by the provisions of the criminal law which protect against certain categories of information, including the Official Secrets Act.

I should also be grateful if you could ensure that, should you extend or otherwise change your role with Battersea Power Station Development Company Ltd, you let ACOPA know as depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for you to make a fresh application.

Please contact me if you have any queries about this decision.

